



THE ADVOCATES 2023 Final Report

Youth Services

Grant Amount: \$20,000

Grant Program in Review

The Youth Services Program started in July 2023. The main impact is the significant increase in the support for children receiving services from The Advocates. Each child in shelter and transitional housing now receives one-on-one support. A significant outcome as a result of the program at the end of the first year, is The Advocates is starting an in-house pilot summer camp. The Director of Youth Services found that 57% of children in our housing were not accepted to summer camps and 50% that applied for financial assistance for summer camps were not selected. This created a high level of stress for families and they found themselves without summer childcare for 15 children ages 5-12. Due to the Youth Services Program being in place, The Advocates knew about the unmet need and staff are able to develop and fund a program to meet the need.

Objectives & Outcomes

During the first program year, 61 children and 29 adults received services from the Youth Services Program. A total of 379 sessions of case management for children, 89 sessions for families, and 83 home visits were provided. Kids in shelter continue to report a high level of safety and increased mood after their sessions. Children and teens in transitional housing report the same results. The program is very successful in supporting children in The Advocates' housing. With one staff person, the program is at capacity, however, and unable to provide services to children of clients that do not live onsite in The Advocates' housing. A challenge is expanding the program to add another staff person to provide services to more children.

Objective 1: Children and youth receiving services will feel safer. 100% felt safer.

Objective 2: Children and youth receiving services will be happier. 100% felt happier.

Objective 3: Children, youth and their parents receiving services will have their resource needs met. Not measured at this time.

One of the most significant accomplishments of the Youth Services Program is the development of Thrive Kids Early Learning Center which opens June 3.

Movie night for families on the shelter lawn



Budget

Expenses	Amount requested from WRWCF	Actual Expenditures
Salary and Benefits	20,000	75,239
Childcare/Early Education	0	6,016
After School Programs/Camps	0	5,142
Enrichment programs	0	2,200
Onsite childcare		13,522
Activity supplies	0	0
Healthy Smiles Dental	0	0
TOTAL	20,000	102,119